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TAGS: EAIR, TU

SUBJECT: STRANDED U.S. FLAG BOEING 707 CARGO AIRCRAFT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED WORD VIA U.S. MILITARY CHANNELS OF BOEING 707 CARGO AIRCRAFT, TAIL NUMBER N448M, BELONGING TO MAVERICK AIRLINES AND UNDER CHARTER TO CATTLE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF ISRAEL, WHICH IS ON GROUND AT DIYARBAKIR AIRPORT UNABLE TO DEPART BECAUSE OF NON-AVAILABILITY OF JET FUEL. MAVERICK AIRLINES, A U.S. FIRM SPECIALIZING IN AIR TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE ANIMALS, HAD DELIVERED A CONSIGNMENT FROM ISRAEL TO TURKISH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (TDF) MORNING OF JULY 17. WE INFORMED THAT AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, A (FNU) KNOWLAND, ESTIMATES HE HAS FUEL SUFFICIENT FOR 35 MINUTES FLYING TIME, WHICH WILL NOT TAKE HIM EITHER TO ANKARA, WHERE HE IS CLEARED TO PROCEED, OR TO ADANA, WHERE NEAREST MAJOR AIRFIELD IS LOCATED.

2. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TDF HEADQUARTERS IN ANKARA WHERE OFFICIALS WERE AWARE OF DELIVERY OF LIVESTOCK BUT UNAWARE AT THAT TIME OF AIRCRAFT PROBLEM. TURKISH DIRECTORATE GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION ALSO HAS TOLD US IT FAMILIAR WITH CASE AS BOTH TDF AND MAVERICK AIRLINES
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HAD BEEN ADVISED AT TIME FLIGHT CLEARANCE GRANTED THAT AIRCRAFT COULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE SERVICED AT DIYARBAKIR. DIYARBAKIR NOT LISTED IN FAA FLIGHT INFORMATION MANUAL AS CIVILIAN SERVICING AIRPORT. FINALLY, THROUGH DAO WE HAVE INQUIRED OF TURKISH AIR FORCE (TAF) IF SUFFICIENT JET FUEL TO TAKE AIRCRAFT TO ANKARA COULD BE SOLD FROM TAF STOCKS. (DIYARBAKIR IS MAINLY A TAF BASE). RESPONSE WAS FIRMLY

NEGATIVE AS TAF DRAWS ITS SUPPLY FROM SAME SOURCES THERE AS
COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. (THERE IS GENERAL SHORTAGE OF PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS THROUGHOUT EASTERN TURKEY).

3. WE ARE AWAITING RETURN CALL FROM TDF WHICH STATES IT CHECKING
WITH ITS REPRESENTATIVE AT DIYARBAKIR AS TO STATUS OF AIRCRAFT
AND CREW. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED AS CIRCUMSTANCES
WARRANT.

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